

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 16, amend the last paragraph as follows:

Accordingly, the present invention contemplates the use of a hand held device for generating a predetermined number of pulses of light having a predetermined electromagnetic spectrum and for applying the pulses of light to skin, the pulses having one or more predetermined durations, one or more predetermined inter-pulse intervals (if number of pulses is greater than one), and a predetermined total energy. The device is used to temporarily provide healing impetus to skin. Light pulses applied to a skin surface are expected to have an optimal prophylactic affect up to about twenty-four hours after the application of the light pulses. However, light pulses applied more than twenty-four hours prior to sun (or other) exposure will still have a benefit, although reduced. Where the interval between a light application and a subsequent radiation exposure is more than twenty-four hours, it is recommended that at least one other light application be carried out within twenty four hours after the exposure. Regular treatment of the skin with light pulses will have a beneficial effect even if undertaken without attention to the frequency, times, and nature of potentially harmful radiation exposure. Thus, light treatment may be used generally to promote skin health. Light energy is applied reapplied to a target skin surface regardless of the condition of that skin surface, regardless of whether there is any detectible damage to that skin surface, and regardless of whether the skin surface has any undesirable condition whatsoever.

Page 25, amend the third full paragraph (lines 6-11) as follows:

As described herein, a method for treating skin as a prophylactic to Xray or ultraviolet radiation damage includes the application, to a skin surface, of electromagnetic energy in the visible and/or infrared portions of the electromagnetic spectrum. The applied energy is alternatively referred to herein as "electromagnetic

radiation" or "light." The skin surface is generally in a preclinical condition, that is, there is either no Xray or ultraviolet radiation damage or it is so slight as to be undetectable upon visual inspection. Typically, the user will apply the light energy to a skin surface simply for the purpose of reducing, inhibiting, preventing or reversing skin damage owing to sun exposure. Typically, the user's skin will appear normal, i.e., will not have any undesirable sun damage or other undesirable skin condition. The user applies light energy as described below solely on account of exposure to the sun or other source of deleterious (cancer inducing) radiation and without regard to his or her existing skin condition.